

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

CENTRAL DISTRICT
3251 S STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816-7017

SEP 26 2000

TO: RECLAMATION DISTRICTS AND LOCAL AGENCIES THAT HAVE
SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR DELTA LEVEES MAINTENANCE
SUBVENTIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001

Enclosed are five copies of an agreement necessary for local agency participation in the 2000-2001 Delta Levees Subventions Program. Please have four copies of each agreement executed and returned to me at the above address, **along with certified copies of a resolution authorizing their execution.** You may retain the remaining copy for your files. **Please do not enter dates on the agreements.** Upon execution of the agreements by The Reclamation Board, the dates will be inserted and this office will return a completely executed copy to you.

Please note that no payments can be made under this Program until the required agreements are executed. Also, the Department of Fish and Game must review the proposed expenditures and make a written determination that they are consistent with a no net long-term loss of habitat and include a habitat improvement component. For guidance please refer to our August 19, 1998 letter to all reclamation districts for the specific actions required by DFG. This letter is also accessible through our web page at: http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/cd/flood_gis/subv_correspondence_1.html.

In the past many districts were paid "advanced payments" in the form of progress payments. Water Code Section 12987.5 of the Water Code provides that advances, not to exceed 75% of the estimated State share, may be paid to applicants. This year the program's work agreements include language allowing for true "advances" provided DWR receives documentation confirming that eligible deductible expenditures exceed the \$1,000 per levee mile criteria, a project schedule, and appropriate bidding documentation for projects requesting advanced funding. In addition, an AB 360 program Subventions Advance Payment Information Form must be submitted to and approved by DFG. DFG is in the process of drafting a final version of this form. In the interim any district that wishes to request an advance or progress payment may submit to DFG for consideration of approval the following:

- Description of work to be done with precise location (by levee stationing);
- Description of habitat to be impacted at each work location (by levee stationing);
- Description of how and where (by levee stationing) habitat impacts will be avoided;
- Description of how the AB 360 enhancement requirement will be met;

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- Description of how mitigation requirements will be met, if needed;
- Certification that all applicable permits have been obtained by the Local Agency;
- Description of any Special Status plant or animal species existing at the work site.

If you have any questions regarding the Delta Levees Subventions Program, please call Dave Lawson at (916) 227-7574. Please direct any questions regarding DFG habitat improvement program requirements to Bob Orcutt of DFG Region II at (916) 358-2924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Schmutte", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Curt Schmutte, Chief
Flood Protection and Geographic
Information Branch

Enclosures